

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to Figures 1(a) and 1(b), there is shown ~~at blade 100~~ the new piercing blade of the present invention 100 having a longitudinal axis 105 with and a zigzagged (or Z-shaped) cross-section 106 that is perpendicular to the axis 105 of the present invention. Preferably, the blade 100 is formed from a one thin piece of a heat-treatable stainless steel sheet. The end of the blade 100 has three (3) sharpened points or tips 102, which reduces the piercing load on the cap to minimize the stretching of the cap during piercing. As an example, the blade 100 may